Special Public Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday, April 13, 2026
Location: Town Hall, Victoria, NL
Time: 10:00 a.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / WELCOME

The Town Administrator called the Public Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all attendees.

1. **Town Public Meeting Minutes, March 27, 2026**; adoption deferred.

2. **Adoption of the Special Public Meeting Agenda.**

Directive 072-2026
Resolved the meeting agenda of April 13, 2026, be approved as presented.
Approved - Appointed Administrator

3. **Conflict of Interest Declaration**

The Town Clerk Manager declared a conflict of interest regarding Code of Conduct Complaints 001-2026, 002-2026, and 003-2026 and did not participate in the review or decision-making process.

Directive 073-2026
Resolved, in accordance with section 18(5) of the Municipal Conduct Act (SNL 2021, c M-20.01), the Town Clerk Manager is hereby authorized to record the minutes of the meeting.
Approved – Appointed Administrator

4. **Code of Conduct Complaints**

The Administrator explained that Code of Conduct complaints are managed confidentially according to applicable legislation, including the Municipal Conduct Act (SNL 2021, c M-20.01) and their specifics are not debated publicly. Only the decisions resulting from these complaints are reviewed and voted on by the Administrator, with outcomes brought forward to a public meeting.

4.1 Complaint 001-2026
Summary:
A complaint was filed on February 9, 2026, by five former Councillors against the former Mayor, alleging a breach of the Town's Code of Conduct, by overstepping council as well as directing staff, on October 16, 2025.
The Administrator indicated that:
- The review was limited to the information contained in the complaint record.
- No party sought informal resolution.
- Legal advice was obtained and is protected by solicitor-client privilege.
- Appointment of an investigator is discretionary and was not warranted in the circumstances.

Directive 074-2026
Resolved that Complaint 001-2026 is dismissed, as the complaint does not establish that the Respondent breached the Code of Conduct. **Approved - Appointed Administrator**

4.2 Complaint: 002-2026

Summary:

A complaint was filed on February 12, 2026, by a former Councillor against the former Mayor, alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct relating to social media communications.

The Administrator advised that:

- The dates, submitted as part of the complaint form, allegedly appear to fall within a period when the Respondent was a private citizen.
- The assessment was limited to the complaint as submitted.
- No informal resolution was requested.
- Legal advice was obtained and is protected by solicitor-client privilege.
- Appointment of an investigator is discretionary and was not warranted.

Directive 075-2026

Resolved that Complaint 002-2026 is dismissed, as the events alleged do not fall within the scope of the Code of Conduct.

Approved - Appointed Administrator

4.3 Complaint 003-2026

Summary:

A complaint was filed on February 11, 2026, against the Fire Chief, alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct applicable to municipal officials related to social media communication.

Council was advised that:

- The conduct appeared to relate to personal or off-duty activity.
- The complaint did not sufficiently establish a connection to the Respondent's municipal role.
- No informal resolution was requested.
- Legal advice was obtained and is protected by solicitor-client privilege.
- Appointment of an investigator is discretionary and was not warranted.

Directive 076-2026

Resolved that Complaint 003-2026 is dismissed, as the complaint does not sufficiently connect the alleged conduct to the Respondent's municipal role and is outside the scope of the Code of Conduct.

Approved - Appointed Administrator

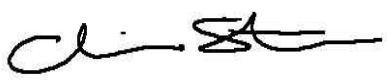
5. Adjournment of the Meeting

Directive 077-2026

Resolved the Special Public Town Meeting adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

Approved - Appointed Administrator

Signed:



Christopher Stamp
Town Administrator

Signed:



Shelly Butt
Town Clerk/Manager